

# Checklist of **WISCONSIN BIRDS**



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## The Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail (GWBNT) Checklist



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*“When dandelions have set the  
mark of May on Wisconsin pastures,  
it is time to listen for the final proof  
of spring. Sit down on a tussock,  
cock your ears at the sky, dial out the  
bedlam of meadowlarks and redwings,  
and soon you may hear it: the flight-song  
of the upland plover [Upland Sandpiper],  
just now back from the Argentine.”*

—Aldo Leopold,  
“Back from the Argentine,”  
*A Sand County Almanac*

## **A Personal Message from Signe Holtz**

*Director, Bureau of Endangered Resources, Wisconsin DNR*

**T**his checklist is a tribute to all of you who love Wisconsin birds and share that love with others—your parents, your children, your grandchildren, nieces and nephews, your students, and your friends. I hope that it helps you in your pursuit of beauty and diversity in this wonderful state of Wisconsin. Please share it with others and use it to help others find their way to nature.

Some people have told me that their parents were instrumental in connecting them to nature; others have said their teachers showed them the way to nature; and others have mentioned their spouse or close friend.

As for me, my parents—Lorraine White Holtz and Alfred K. Holtz—were my gateway to nature. My sisters and I hold these memories dear: our forays into the woods of southern Wisconsin to see spring wildflowers, the Purple Martins arriving at my father’s bird house in the spring and treating us to aerial shows all summer, the birds from the north coming to our feeders in the winter. For my father, it was his grade school teacher in Columbus—who also happened to be his Aunt Mary Holtz—who cultivated in him a deep appreciation of the great diversity of bird life in Wisconsin. And for my mother, it was her brother, Donald White, who roamed the pine barrens near Spooner with her. These skills last people a lifetime. In my mother’s last year with us, we went to see Yellow-headed Blackbirds in a marsh near Columbus, and she was delighted to hear their raspy calls.

I’m sure that you are grateful, as I am, for the great gift that these lovers of nature have given to us.

Please—Pass it on!

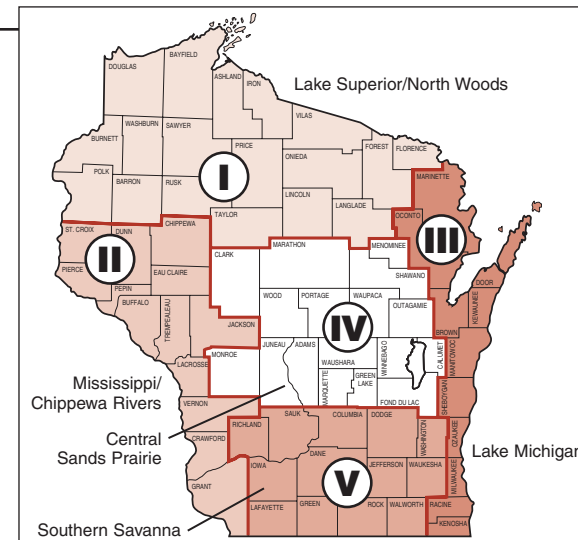


## Notes on Compiling the GWBNT Checklist...

We consulted the following sources in compiling this checklist: 1) *Wisconsin Birdlife, Population and Distribution, Past and Present* (Robbins 1991), 2) The Wisconsin Society for Ornithology's (WSO) Breeding Bird Atlas (WBBA) (1995-2000), 3) WSO's *Wisconsin Birds, A Checklist with Migration Graphs, Sixth Edition* (Temple *et al.* 2003), 4) *Checklists of Wisconsin Vertebrates* (Watermolen and Murrell 2001), and 5) *Wisconsin Annotated Checklist* (Mueller 2003). The taxonomic order of common bird names follows the Seventh Edition (including 44<sup>th</sup> Supplement) of the American Ornithologists' Union's *Check-List of North American Birds* (AOU 1998). We occasionally modified subheadings for bird families.

We have adopted the official WSO notations for "**SEASONAL DISTRIBUTION**" and "**STATUS**", with some modifications.

- 1) A solid black dot (●) indicates seasonal occurrences or occurrence as a "**Migrant Only**" (spring and/or fall migrant, sometimes a winter or summer wanderer).
- 2) This symbol (★) indicates summer migrants or birds that are possible or rare during "**Summer**" or "**Winter**".
- 3) A bird species that is considered breeding "**Breeds**" in the state if it has been documented as nesting more than 1 year in the past 30 years. This includes the WBBA's "confirmed" and "probable" (useful for secretive nesters) categories, but not older records or lone records (e.g. Black Scoter, Bay-breasted Warbler, Rusty Blackbird, etc.) for the purposes of this checklist. Accordingly, each breeding bird species receives a check mark (✓).
- 4) "**Regular**" means present every year.
- 5) "**Rare**" means found annually 8 or fewer times.
- 6) We have combined "**Casual**" and "**Accidental**" species for the purposes of this checklist because of the relative rarity of observing species within this category. Together, birds in this category have been documented once every 1-5 years or less often. We are not including extirpated or hypothetical bird species, or species for which there are nineteenth century records only.



*Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail (GWBNT) Breeding Regions.*

We have adopted the same habitat codes ("Wet Meadows" added) as presented in WSO's *Checklist* (2003) to maintain consistency and simplicity, and we have provided definitions for the habitat types presented on pages 4 and 5. As indicated in the Fifth Edition of WSO's *Checklist* (1988), habitat types "are to be used as a general guide. Particularly when they are migrating, some species may be encountered in habitats other than those listed. [The] intention has been to describe the typical habitat in which one's chances of finding the species are greatest."

The map above shows GWBNT Breeding Regions. In the checklist "**GWBNT Breeding Region**" indicates where a breeding bird species occurs. Each GWBNT region is based on a consolidation of the Wisconsin DNR's map of 16 Ecological Landscapes that are used for planning and implementing conservation measures in the state.

Nearctic-Neotropical migrants are *italicized*. These are birds with all or part of their populations breeding north of the Tropic of Cancer in Mexico and the Caribbean and all or part of their populations wintering south of that line (Rappole 1995).

*Summer W. Matteson and Susan Foote-Martin*  
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### Definitions of Habitat Types

**A. Great Lakes** – Open water of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior from the wash zone to deep water.

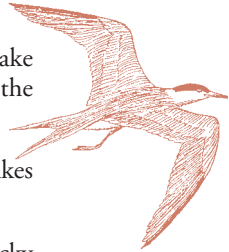
**B. Inland Waters** – Open water of lakes and streams.

**C. Great Lakes Shores** – Beaches (rocky and sand), dunes, bedrock, shoreline woods, bluffs, cliffs, and estuary mudflats.

**D. Inland Shores** – Areas of sparse vegetation (mudflats, sandbars, gravel, and rock) along the shores of inland streams and lakes.

**E. Marshes and/or Wet Meadows** – Deep and shallow marshes are open, wet areas with few shrubs and characterized by a mixture of emergent, floating, and submerged aquatic vegetation (cattails, sedges, pondweeds, rushes, water lilies, arrowhead, etc.). Deep marshes reach 5-6 feet deep or more and feature open water interspersed with floating vegetation. Wet meadows are transitional between marshes and swamps and feature rushes, sedges, water-loving grasses, ferns, and some cattails.

**F. Swamps and Bogs** – Forested to open areas that are wet most of the year and typically have tamarack, black spruce, white cedar, black ash, red maple, or low shrubs (alder, willows, leatherleaf, sweet gale, Labrador tea) as dominant species;



the groundlayer of bogs is typically covered by sphagnum moss.

**G. Grasslands** – Grassy areas—from wet to dry—that are mostly open (i.e., with few trees and shrubs). Examples include prairies, old fields, conservation area plantings, and pastures.

**H. Croplands** – Actively managed agricultural lands with rotating crops of corn, soybeans, small grains (wheat, oats, barely, rye), and hay, but also including other vegetable and fruit crops.

**I. Brushy Areas** – Upland or wet areas dominated by shrubs. Includes successional stages from old fields to forest in uplands, or shrubs associated with wetlands.

**J. Deciduous Woods** – Forest lands with predominant species (oaks, maples, birch, aspen, etc.) that lose their leaves by winter.

**K. Coniferous Woods** – Forest lands with predominant species (pines, spruce, fir, hemlock) that retain their leaves (needles) throughout the year.

**L. Urban Areas** – City buildings, industrial areas, residential back yards, clustered rural development areas, parks, cemeteries, manicured corporate lawns and ponds, horticultural plantings, etc.





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	Summer	Winter	Migrant Only	Breeds	Regular	Rare			Casual/Accidental
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS									
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck			●				●	BE	
Fulvous Whistling-Duck			●				●	BE	
Greater White-fronted Goose		*	●		●			ABEH	
Snow Goose	*	*	●		●			ABEH	
Ross's Goose			●			●		ABE	
Canada Goose	●	●		✓	●			ABEHL	ALL
Brant			●				●	ABE	
Mute Swan	●	●		✓	●			ABL	ALL
Trumpeter Swan (E)	●	●		✓	●			ABE	I, II, IV
Tundra Swan	*	*	●		●			ABE	
Wood Duck	●	*		✓	●			BEF	ALL
Gadwall	●	*		✓	●			ABE	ALL
Eurasian Wigeon			●				●	B	
American Wigeon	●	*		✓	●			ABE	I, IV, V
American Black Duck	●	●		✓	●			ABE	ALL
Mallard	●	●		✓	●			ABEL	ALL
Blue-winged Teal	●	*		✓	●			ABE	ALL
Cinnamon Teal			●				●	B	
Northern Shoveler	●	*		✓	●			ABE	ALL
Northern Pintail	●	*		✓	●			ABE	I, III, V

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<i>Green-winged Teal</i>	●	*		✓	●			ABE	ALL
<i>Canvasback</i>	●	*			●			AB	
<i>Redhead</i>	●	*		✓	●			ABE	ALL
<i>Ring-necked Duck</i>	●	*		✓	●			ABE	I, II, IV, V
<i>Greater Scaup</i>	*	●			●			AB	
<i>Lesser Scaup</i>	●	*		✓	●			AB	I, IV
<i>King Eider</i>			●				●	A	
<i>Common Eider</i>			●				●	AB	
<i>Harlequin Duck</i>		●				●		A	
<i>Surf Scoter</i>		*	●		●			AB	
<i>White-winged Scoter</i>		*	●		●			AB	
<i>Black Scoter</i>		*	●		●			AB	
<i>Long-tailed Duck</i>	*	●			●			AB	
<i>Bufflehead</i>	*	●			●			AB	
<i>Common Goldeneye</i>	●	●		✓	●			AB	I, III, V
<i>Barrow's Goldeneye</i>		●					●	A	
<i>Smew</i>			●				●	A	
<i>Hooded Merganser</i>	●	●		✓	●			ABEF	ALL
<i>Common Merganser</i>	●	●		✓	●			AB	I, III, IV
<i>Red-breasted Merganser</i>	●	●		✓	●			AB	I, III, IV
<i>Ruddy Duck</i>	●	●		✓	●			ABE	II-V

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PARTRIDGES, GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND QUAIL									
Gray Partridge		●	●		✓	●		GH	ALL
Ring-necked Pheasant		●	●		✓	●		EGHI	ALL
Ruffed Grouse		●	●		✓	●		JK	ALL
Spruce Grouse (T)		●	●		✓		●	FK	I
Sharp-tailed Grouse		●	●		✓	●		GI	I, II
Greater Prairie-Chicken (T)		●	●		✓	●		GH	I, IV
Wild Turkey		●	●		✓	●		GHIJ	ALL
NEW WORLD QUAIL									
Northern Bobwhite		●	●		✓	●		GI	II-V
LOONS									
Red-throated Loon		*	*	●		●		AB	
Pacific Loon			*	●			●	AB	
Common Loon		●	*		✓	●		AB	I-IV
GREBES									
Pied-billed Grebe		●	*		✓	●		BE	ALL
Horned Grebe		●	*			●		AB	
Red-necked Grebe (E)		●			✓	●		BE	ALL
Eared Grebe		*		●	✓		●	AB	II, IV
Western Grebe		●			✓		●	AB	IV

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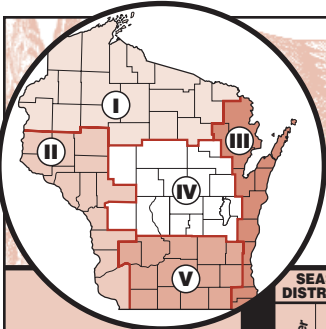

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PELICANS											
American White Pelican		●			✓	●			AB	III, V	
Brown Pelican				●				●	AB		
CORMORANTS											
Double-crested Cormorant		●	*		✓	●			AB	ALL	
DARTERS											
Anhinga				●				●	EF		
FRIGATEBIRDS											
Magnificent Frigatebird				●				●	A		
HERONS, BITTERNS, AND ALLIES											
American Bittern		●	*		✓	●			EF	ALL	
Least Bittern		●			✓	●			E	ALL	
Great Blue Heron		●	*		✓	●			CDEF	ALL	
Great Egret (T)		●			✓	●			DEF	II-V	
Snowy Egret (E)		●			✓		●		DE	III	
Little Blue Heron		*		●			●		DE		
Tricolored Heron		*		●				●	BE		
Cattle Egret		●			✓	●			DEG	I, III, IV	
Green Heron		●			✓	●			DEF	ALL	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		●	*		✓	●			CDEF	II-V	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron (T)		●			✓		●		EF	IV, V	

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<b>IBISES</b>									
White Ibis			●				●	E	
Glossy Ibis			●				●	E	
White-faced Ibis			●				●	E	
<b>STORKS</b>									
Wood Stork			●				●	EF	
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>									
Black Vulture			●				●	GI	
Turkey Vulture	●	*		✓	●			GHIJK	ALL
<b>HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES, AND ALLIES</b>									
Osprey (T)	●			✓	●			BCDF	ALL
Swallow-tailed Kite			●				●	E	
White-tailed Kite			●				●	GI	
Mississippi Kite			●				●	FGI	
Bald Eagle	●	●		✓	●			BCDGJ	ALL
Northern Harrier	●	●		✓	●			EGHI	ALL
Sharp-shinned Hawk	●	●		✓	●			FIJKL	ALL
Cooper's Hawk	●	●		✓	●			IJKL	ALL
Northern Goshawk	●	●		✓	●			IJK	I, II, III, IV
Harris's Hawk			●				●	IJ	
Red-shouldered Hawk (T)	●	●		✓	●			FJK	ALL

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<i>Swainson's Hawk</i>			●			●		GHIJ	
<i>Red-tailed Hawk</i>	●	●		✓	●			GIJKL	ALL
<i>Ferruginous Hawk</i>			●				●	GH	
<i>Rough-legged Hawk</i>	*	●			●			EGH	
<i>Golden Eagle</i>		*			●			GHIJ	
<b>FALCONS</b>									
<i>American Kestrel</i>	●	●		✓	●			GHIL	ALL
<i>Merlin</i>	●	●		✓	●			CDFGIKL	I, III
<i>Gyrfalcon</i>		●					●	CGHI	
<i>Peregrine Falcon</i> (E)	●	●		✓	●			CDGHL	I, II, III, V
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS</b>									
<i>Yellow Rail</i> (T)	●			✓		●		EF	I, III, IV
<i>Black Rail</i>			●				●	E	
<i>King Rail</i>	●			✓		●		E	IV, V
<i>Virginia Rail</i>	●	*		✓	●			E	ALL
<i>Sora</i>	●	*		✓	●			E	ALL
<i>Purple Gallinule</i>			●				●	E	
<i>Common Moorhen</i>	●			✓	●			E	II-V
<i>American Coot</i>	●	●		✓	●			ABE	ALL

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CRANES										
Sandhill Crane	●	*		✓	●			EGH	ALL	
Whooping Crane**	●				●			EGH		
PLOVERS										
Black-bellied Plover	*		●		●			CD		
American Golden-Plover	*		●		●			CDGH		
Snowy Plover			●				●	C		
Semipalmated Plover	*		●		●			CD		
Piping Plover (E)	●			✓		●		CD	II, III	
Killdeer	●	*		✓	●			CDGHL	ALL	
STILTS AND AVOCETS										
Black-necked Stilt	*		●				●	E		
American Avocet	*		●			●		CD		
SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, AND ALLIES										
Greater Yellowlegs	*		●		●			CDE		
Lesser Yellowlegs	*		●		●			CDE		
Solitary Sandpiper	*		●		●			CDF		
Willet	*		●		●			CD		
Spotted Sandpiper	●			✓	●			CD	ALL	
Upland Sandpiper	●			✓	●			GH	ALL	
Whimbrel	*		●			●		CD		

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<i>Long-billed Curlew</i>			●				●	CD		
<i>Hudsonian Godwit</i>	*		●		●			CD		
<i>Marbled Godwit</i>	*		●		●			CD		
<i>Ruddy Turnstone</i>	*		●		●			CDG		
<i>Black Turnstone</i>			●				●	CD		
<i>Red Knot</i>	*		●		●			CD		
<i>Sanderling</i>	*		●		●			CD		
<i>Semipalmated Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CD		
<i>Western Sandpiper</i>	*		●			●		CD		
<i>Least Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CD		
<i>White-rumped Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CD		
<i>Baird's Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CDG		
<i>Pectoral Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CDGH		
<i>Purple Sandpiper</i>		*	●			●		C		
<i>Dunlin</i>	*		●		●			CD		
<i>Curlew Sandpiper</i>			●				●	D		
<i>Stilt Sandpiper</i>	*		●		●			CD		
<i>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</i>			●			●		G		
<i>Ruff</i>			●				●	D		
<i>Short-billed Dowitcher</i>	*		●		●			CD		
<i>Long-billed Dowitcher</i>	*		●		●			CD		

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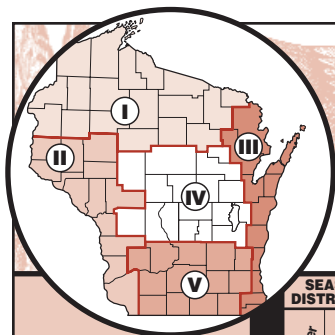

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SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, AND ALLIES continued										
Wilson's Snipe		●	*		✓	●			CDEF	ALL
American Woodcock		●			✓	●			FIJ	ALL
Wilson's Phalarope		●			✓	●			DE	I, III, IV, V
Red-necked Phalarope		*		●		●			ACD	
Red Phalarope				●				●	A	
JAEGERS, GULLS, AND TERNS										
Pomarine Jaeger				●				●	AC	
Parasitic Jaeger				●			●		AC	
Long-tailed Jaeger				●				●	AC	
Laughing Gull		*		●			●		A	
Franklin's Gull		*		●		●			ABH	
Little Gull		●			✓		●		AC	III
Black-headed Gull				●				●	CD	
Bonaparte's Gull		●			✓	●			AB	I, III
Black-tailed Gull				●				●	AC	
Mew Gull			●					●	AC	
Ring-billed Gull		●	●		✓	●			ABH	ALL
California Gull				●				●	AB	
Herring Gull		●	●		✓	●			AB	I, III, IV, V
Thayer's Gull			●			●			AC	

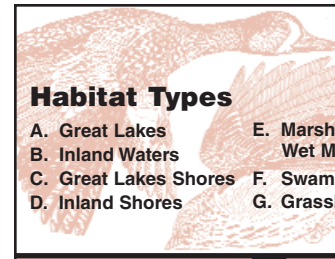
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Iceland Gull			●				●		AC
Lesser Black-backed Gull			*	●			●		AC
<i>Glaucous-winged Gull</i>				●				●	A
Glaucous Gull		*	●			●			AC
Great Black-backed Gull		●	●		✓	●			AC III
<i>Sabine's Gull</i>				●				●	A
Black-legged Kittiwake				●				●	AB
Ross's Gull				●				●	A
Ivory Gull				●				●	ABCD
<b><i>Caspian Tern</i> (E)</b>		●			✓	●			AB III
<i>Royal Tern</i>				●				●	AC
<b><i>Common Tern</i> (E)</b>		●			✓	●			ABCE I, III, IV, V
<i>Arctic Tern</i>				●				●	AC
<b><i>Forster's Tern</i> (E)</b>		●			✓	●			ABCE II-V
<i>Least Tern</i>				●				●	ABC
<i>Sooty Tern</i>				●				●	AB
<i>Black Tern</i>		●			✓	●			ABE ALL
<b>ALCIDS</b>									
Dovekie				●				●	A
Ancient Murrelet				●				●	AB

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PIGEONS AND DOVES									
Rock Pigeon	●	●		✓	●			HL	ALL
Band-tailed Pigeon			●				●	HJ	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	●	●					●	L	
White-winged Dove			●				●	H	
Mourning Dove	●	●		✓	●			GHIL	ALL
Common Ground-Dove			●				●	H	
CUCKOOS AND ANIS									
Black-billed Cuckoo	●			✓	●			IJ	ALL
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	●			✓	●			IJ	ALL
Groove-billed Ani			●				●	I	
BARN OWLS									
Barn Owl (E)	●	●		✓			●	EGIL	I, II, IV, V
TYPICAL OWLS									
Eastern Screech-Owl	●	●		✓	●			JL	ALL
Great Horned Owl	●	●		✓	●			FJK	ALL
Snowy Owl	*	●			●			CDEG	
Northern Hawk Owl		●					●	JK	
Burrowing Owl			●				●	GH	
Barred Owl	●	●		✓	●			FJK	ALL
Great Gray Owl	●	●		✓		●		IJK	I

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Long-eared Owl	•	•		✓	•			JK	ALL
Short-eared Owl	•	•		✓	•			EFGHI	I, IV
Boreal Owl		•					•	JK	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	•	•		✓	•			FJK	I, II, IV, V
<b>GOATSUCKERS</b>									
Common Nighthawk	•			✓	•			GHL	ALL
Chuck-will's-widow	•						•	J	
Whip-poor-will	•			✓	•			IJ	ALL
<b>SWIFTS</b>									
Chimney Swift	•			✓	•			FJKL	ALL
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>									
Green Violet-ear			•				•	L	
Broad-billed Hummingbird			•				•	L	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	•			✓	•			IJL	ALL
Anna's Hummingbird			•				•	L	
Rufous Hummingbird			•				•	L	
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>									
Belted Kingfisher	•	•		✓	•			DEF	ALL
<b>WOODPECKERS AND ALLIES</b>									
Lewis's Woodpecker			•				•	J	
Red-headed Woodpecker	•	•		✓	•			IJL	ALL

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WOODPECKERS AND ALLIES continued									
Red-bellied Woodpecker	•	•		✓	•			FJL	ALL
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	•	•		✓	•			JKL	ALL
Downy Woodpecker	•	•		✓	•			FIJKL	ALL
Hairy Woodpecker	•	•		✓	•			IJKL	ALL
Am. Three-toed Woodpecker			•				•	FK	
Black-backed Woodpecker	•	•		✓		•		FK	I
Northern Flicker	•	•		✓	•			FGHIJL	ALL
Pileated Woodpecker	•	•		✓	•			FJK	ALL
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS									
Olive-sided Flycatcher	•			✓	•			FJK	I, III
Western Wood-Pewee			•				•	JK	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	•			✓	•			IJK	ALL
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	•			✓	•			FJK	I, III, IV
Acadian Flycatcher (T)	•			✓	•			J	II-V
Alder Flycatcher	•			✓	•			FI	ALL
Willow Flycatcher	•			✓	•			FI	ALL
Least Flycatcher	•			✓	•			IJ	ALL
Dusky Flycatcher			•				•	IJ	
Eastern Phoebe	•			✓	•			DIKL	ALL
Say's Phoebe			•				•	DIL	

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Vermilion Flycatcher			•				•	I	
Ash-throated Flycatcher			•				•	I	
Great Crested Flycatcher	•			✓	•			IJ	ALL
Western Kingbird	•			✓			•	I	V
Eastern Kingbird	•			✓	•			DGI	ALL
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	•						•	GI	
Fork-tailed Flycatcher			•				•	I	
<b>SHRIKES</b>									
Loggerhead Shrike (E)	•			✓		•		GI	ALL
Northern Shrike		•			•			GHI	
<b>VIREOS</b>									
White-eyed Vireo	•			✓		•		IJ	II, III, V
Bell's Vireo (T)	•			✓		•		I	II-V
Gray Vireo			•				•	IJ	
Yellow-throated Vireo	•			✓	•			J	ALL
Blue-headed Vireo	•			✓	•			FJK	ALL
Warbling Vireo	•			✓	•			DJL	ALL
Philadelphia Vireo	*			✓	•			IJ	I, II
Red-eyed Vireo	•			✓	•			IJKL	ALL
<b>JAYS AND CROWS</b>									
Gray Jay	*	•		✓	•			FK	I, IV

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Blue Jay		●	●		✓	●		IJKL	ALL
Clark's Nutcracker				●			●	IJ	
Black-billed Magpie				●			●	GHI	
American Crow		●	●		✓	●		GHIJKL	ALL
Common Raven		●	●		✓	●		GHIJK	I-IV
LARKS									
Horned Lark		●	●		✓	●		GH	ALL
SWALLOWS									
Purple Martin		●			✓	●		CDL	ALL
Tree Swallow		●			✓	●		CDEFGH	ALL
Northern Rough-winged Swallow		●			✓	●		CDG	ALL
Bank Swallow		●			✓	●		CDG	ALL
Cliff Swallow		●			✓	●		CDGHL	ALL
Barn Swallow		●			✓	●		CDEGH	ALL
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE									
Black-capped Chickadee		●	●		✓	●		IJKL	ALL
Boreal Chickadee		*	●		✓	●		FK	I
Tufted Titmouse		●	●		✓	●		JL	ALL
NUTHATCHES									
Red-breasted Nuthatch		●	●		✓	●		KL	ALL

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White-breasted Nuthatch	•	•		✓	•			JL	ALL
Brown-headed Nuthatch		•					•	K	
<b>CREEPERS</b>									
Brown Creeper	•	•		✓	•			JKL	ALL
<b>WRENS</b>									
Carolina Wren	•	•		✓		•		IL	II-V
Bewick's Wren (E)	•						•	I	
<i>House Wren</i>	•			✓	•			IJL	ALL
Winter Wren	•	•		✓	•			DFIK	ALL
<i>Sedge Wren</i>	•			✓	•			EG	ALL
<i>Marsh Wren</i>	•			✓	•			E	ALL
<b>KINGLETS</b>									
Golden-crowned Kinglet	•	•		✓	•			FJK	ALL
<i>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</i>	•	*		✓	•			IJK	I-III
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>									
<i>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</i>	•			✓	•			J	ALL
<b>THRUSHES</b>									
<i>Eastern Bluebird</i>	•	*		✓	•			GHI	ALL
<i>Mountain Bluebird</i>			•				•	GH	
<i>Townsend's Solitaire</i>		•					•	IJKL	
<i>Veery</i>	•			✓	•			FIJ	ALL

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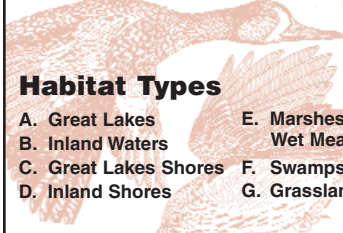



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THRUSHES continued									
Gray-cheeked Thrush			•		•			IJ	
Swainson's Thrush	•			✓	•			FIJK	I, III, V
Hermit Thrush	•	*		✓	•			FJK	I-IV
Wood Thrush	•			✓	•			JL	ALL
American Robin	•	•		✓	•			GHIJL	ALL
Varied Thrush		•				•		IL	
MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS									
Gray Catbird	•	*		✓	•			FIL	ALL
Northern Mockingbird	*	*		✓	•			IL	ALL
Sage Thrasher			•				•	I	
Brown Thrasher	•	*		✓	•			IL	ALL
Curve-billed Thrasher	•	•					•	IL	
STARLINGS									
European Starling	•	•		✓	•			FGHL	ALL
PIPITS									
American Pipit			•		•			DH	
WAXWINGS									
Bohemian Waxwing		•			•			IJKL	
Cedar Waxwing	•	•		✓	•			IJL	ALL

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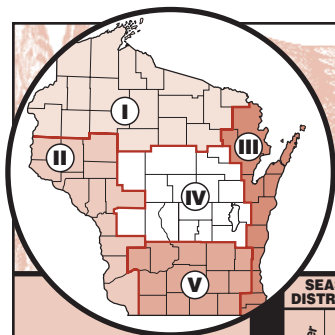

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Phainopepla				●				●	IL		
WOOD-WARBLEDERS											
Blue-winged Warbler		●			✓	●			IJ	ALL	
Golden-winged Warbler		●			✓	●			FIJK	ALL	
Tennessee Warbler		●			✓	●			IJK	I	
Orange-crowned Warbler				●		●			IJ		
Nashville Warbler		●			✓	●			FIJK	ALL	
Northern Parula		●			✓	●			JK	I, III, IV, V	
Yellow Warbler		●			✓	●			DIJL	ALL	
Chestnut-sided Warbler		●			✓	●			IJ	ALL	
Magnolia Warbler		●			✓	●			FIJK	I, II, III, V	
Cape May Warbler		●			✓	●			FJK	I, III	
Black-throated Blue Warbler		●			✓	●			IJK	I, III, IV	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		●	*		✓	●			FIJK	ALL	
Black-throated Gray Warbler				●				●	IJK		
Black-throated Green Warbler		●			✓	●			FJK	ALL	
Townsend's Warbler				●				●	JK		
Hermit Warbler				●				●	K		
Blackburnian Warbler		●			✓	●			FJK	ALL	
Yellow-throated Warbler (E)		●	*		✓		●		JK	II, III, V	

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<b>WOOD-WARBLEDERS continued</b>									
Pine Warbler	●			✓	●			K	ALL
Kirtland's Warbler	●			✓			●	K	I, III
Prairie Warbler	●			✓		●		IJ	II-V
Palm Warbler	●			✓	●			FGIJ	I, IV
Bay-breasted Warbler	*	●			●			JK	
Blackpoll Warbler			●		●			JK	
Cerulean Warbler (T)	●			✓	●			J	ALL
Black-and-white Warbler	●			✓	●			IJK	ALL
American Redstart	●			✓	●			CDIJK	ALL
Prothonotary Warbler	●			✓	●			DF	I, II, IV, V
Worm-eating Warbler (E)	●			✓		●		IJ	II, V
Swainson's Warbler			●				●	FI	
Ovenbird	●			✓	●			FIJK	ALL
Northern Waterthrush	●			✓	●			DFJK	ALL
Louisiana Waterthrush	●			✓	●			DJ	ALL
Kentucky Warbler (T)	●			✓	●			IJ	II-V
Connecticut Warbler	●			✓	●			FJK	I, II, IV
Mourning Warbler	●			✓	●			FIJ	ALL
MacGillivray's Warbler			●				●	I	
Common Yellowthroat	●			✓	●			CDEFGI	ALL

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<i>Wilson's Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			IJK	I
<i>Canada Warbler</i>	●			✓	●			FIJK	ALL
<i>Yellow-breasted Chat</i>	●			✓		●		I	ALL
<b>TANAGERS</b>									
<i>Summer Tanager</i>	●					●		J	
<i>Scarlet Tanager</i>	●			✓	●			J	ALL
<i>Western Tanager</i>			●				●	J	
<b>SPARROWS AND ALLIES</b>									
<i>Green-tailed Towhee</i>		●					●	I	
<i>Spotted Towhee</i>		*	●				●	I	
<i>Eastern Towhee</i>	●	*		✓	●			IJ	ALL
<i>Rufous-crowned Sparrow</i>			●				●	I	
<i>American Tree Sparrow</i>		●			●			EGHI	
<i>Chipping Sparrow</i>	●	*		✓	●			GIKL	ALL
<i>Clay-colored Sparrow</i>	●			✓	●			I	ALL
<i>Field Sparrow</i>	●	*		✓	●			GI	ALL
<i>Vesper Sparrow</i>	●	*		✓	●			GHI	ALL
<i>Lark Sparrow</i>	●			✓	●			GI	II, IV, V
<i>Black-throated Sparrow</i>		●					●	L	
<i>Lark Bunting</i>			●				●	GI	

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## Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail Regions

- I Lake Superior/North Woods
- II Mississippi/Chippewa Rivers
- III Lake Michigan
- IV Central Sands Prairie
- V Southern Savanna

SPECIES	SEASONAL DISTRIBUTION			STATUS				HABITAT TYPE	GWBNT BREEDING REGION
	Summer	Winter	Migrant Only	Breeds	Regular	Rare	Casual/Accidental		
SPARROWS AND ALLIES continued									
Savannah Sparrow	●	*		✓	●			EGH	ALL
Grasshopper Sparrow	●			✓	●			G	ALL
Baird's Sparrow			●				●	G	
Henslow's Sparrow (T)	●			✓	●			G	ALL
Le Conte's Sparrow	●			✓	●			EGH	I-IV
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	●			✓		●		E	I
Fox Sparrow		*	●		●			IJL	
Song Sparrow	●	●		✓	●			DEFGIL	ALL
Lincoln's Sparrow	●	*		✓	●			EFI	I-IV
Swamp Sparrow	●	*		✓	●			EFI	ALL
White-throated Sparrow	●	●		✓	●			FIJKL	ALL
Harris's Sparrow		●			●			I	
White-crowned Sparrow		*	●		●			I	
Golden-crowned Sparrow			●				●	I	
Dark-eyed Junco	●	●		✓	●			FGHIKL	I, IV
Lapland Longspur		●			●			DGH	
Smith's Longspur			●				●	GH	
Chestnut-collared Longspur			●				●	H	
Snow Bunting		●			●			GH	

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# Habitat Types

A. Great Lakes  
B. Inland Waters  
C. Great Lakes Shores  
D. Inland Shores

E. Marshes and/or Wet Meadows  
F. Swamps and Bogs  
G. Grasslands

H. Croplands  
I. Brushy Areas  
J. Deciduous Woods  
K. Coniferous Woods  
L. Urban Areas

SPECIES		SEASONAL DISTRIBUTION			STATUS				HABITAT TYPE	GWBNT BREEDING REGION	
		Summer	Winter	Migrant Only	Breeds	Regular	Rare	Casual/Accidental			
CARDINALS AND ALLIES											
Northern Cardinal		●	●		✓	●				IJL	ALL
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		●	*		✓	●				JIL	ALL
Black-headed Grosbeak			●					●		IJ	
Blue Grosbeak		●						●		IJ	
Lazuli Bunting				●				●		J	
Indigo Bunting		●			✓	●				IJ	ALL
Painted Bunting				●				●		J	
Dickcissel		●			✓	●				GHI	ALL
BLACKBIRDS											
Bobolink		●			✓	●				EGH	ALL
Red-winged Blackbird		●	●		✓	●				DEFGHIL	ALL
Eastern Meadowlark		●	*		✓	●				GHI	ALL
Western Meadowlark		●	*		✓	●				GH	ALL
Yellow-headed Blackbird		●	*		✓	●				E	ALL
Rusty Blackbird		●	*			●				EFGI	
Brewer's Blackbird		●	*		✓	●				EGHI	ALL
Common Grackle		●	●		✓	●				EHIL	ALL
Brown-headed Cowbird		●	●		✓	●				GHIJ	ALL
Orchard Oriole		●			✓	●				IJL	ALL
Streak-backed Oriole				●				●		I	

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	Summer	Winter	Migrant Only	Breeds	Regular	Rare	Casual/Accidental		
<b>BLACKBIRDS continued</b>									
Bullock's Oriole			•				•	JL	
Baltimore Oriole	•	*		✓	•			IJL	ALL
Scott's Oriole			•				•	JL	
<b>FINCHES AND ALLIES</b>									
Brambling		•					•	I	
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch			•				•	L	
Pine Grosbeak		•			•			FIJKL	
Purple Finch	•	•		✓	•			FJKL	ALL
House Finch	•	•		✓	•			HL	ALL
Red Crossbill	*	•		✓	•			FKL	I, IV, V
White-winged Crossbill	*	•		✓	•			FKL	I, IV
Common Redpoll		•			•			GHIJL	
Hoary Redpoll		*				•		GHIJL	
Pine Siskin	*	•		✓	•			FIJKL	ALL
American Goldfinch	•	•		✓	•			GHIL	ALL
Evening Grosbeak	•	•		✓	•			FIJKL	I, III, IV
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>									
House Sparrow	•	•		✓	•			HIL	ALL
Eurasian Tree Sparrow			•				•	L	

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